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1. The retracking of the Timisoara-Radna railroad line was completed on [redacted] It was not yet ready for broad gauge traffic, however, as it was necessary to prepare bridges, viaducts and sidings to take Russian type rolling stock.
2. At Radna station there are now two lines and six sidings, each of which can take a 120-axle train; two loading platforms, four water tanks, three warehouses with about 800 cubic meters capacity each.
3. At Lipova station there is one through line, two sidings, each with 120-axle capacity, two passing sidings of 60 and 80-axle capacity, a new loading ramp for armor and a shop.
4. At Satu Nou station there is one through line, one siding with 120-axle capacity, two passing sidings, flanked by loading ramps, a warehouse with 700 cubic meters capacity.
5. At Zabrani station there is one through line, a passing line with 80-axle capacity, an animal loading ramp, a goods loading ramp, a warehouse with about 700 cubic meters capacity.
6. At Masloc station there is one through line, two sidings with 80-axle capacity, goods and animal loading platforms, a warehouse with 800 cubic meters capacity.
7. At Rischia station there is one through line, one siding with 80-axle capacity, a warehouse with 800 cubic meters capacity, loading platform still under construction.

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8. At Iermata-Neagra station there is one through line, three sidings of 120-axle capacity, loading platforms for armor, goods and animals, a siding to the airfield, a warehouse with 800 cubic meters capacity.
9. Work is still in progress on the bridge over the Mures River between Radna and Lipova. This bridge was destroyed during the war, and a temporary bridge has been in use. The new one will be complete in the fall of 1953. Block signals along the whole line are being made automatic. The telephone cables along the line are being placed underground and preparations being made for ultimate electrification.

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